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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AUDITOR,  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the Municipal year ending February  
19th, 1903.

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(The Town of Litchfield incorporated Feb. 18, 1795.)

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# Report of Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, herewith present their annual report for the municipal year, ending Feb. 19th, 1903.

## Valuation for 1902.

Resident real estate.....	\$248,130.
Non-Resident real estate.....	38,135
Resident personal estate.....	42,670.

Total valuation..... \$328,935

Number of polls, 250; amount assessed on each poll \$3 00; rate of taxation on a dollar, 17 mills.

## Appropriations for 1902.

State tax.....	\$1,013 87
County tax.....	351 17
Incidentals.....	1,000 00
Support of poor.....	150 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,500 00
Snow bills.....	800 00
Interest on town debt.....	125 00
Memorial services.....	25 00
Support of schools.....	1,000 00
For school books.....	100 00
For school supplies.....	50 00
Repairs on schoolhouses.....	30 00
Fractional overlay.....	197 68

\$6,342 72:

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for Incidental Town Expenses.

Town officers' bill for 1901:

E. P. Springer, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor.....	\$70 50
E. N. Baker for same service.....	53 50
A. R. Bucklin for same service.....	39 75
Cyrus Kindrick, treasurer.....	21 50
C. A. Metcalf, town clerk.....	12 40
M. H. Dustin, supt. to Feb. 15, 1902.....	78 50
H. M. Starbird, auditor for 1901.....	2 00

J. Frank Pierce, valuation book.....	7 15
Charles E. Nash, printing reports for 1901	25 00
O. A. True, posting warrants March meeting 1902.....	3 00
Dr. C. H. Leach, vaccine points.....	5 62
Dr. C. H. Leach, vaccination of 69 persons	17 25
O. A. True, part payment, collecting 1900 tax.....	75 00
O. A. True, posting warrants, special town meeting.....	3 00
W. L. Polly, labor on highway, 1900....	5 50
Wm. F. Adams, running hearse to May 20, 1902.....	4 00
I. W. Gilbert, vaccinating 59 people.....	14 75
I. W. Gilbert, 100 vaccine points.....	9 00
John Purinton, labor on highway, 1901..	2 05
G. W. Howard, labor on highway, 1901..	1 50
Cyrus Kindrick, expenses as treasurer 1901	5 00
Wm. F. Adams, care of hearse to Aug. 20, 1902.....	10 00
Cyrus Kindrick, vaccinating in 1902....	5 25
R. E. Donnell, disinfecting B. L. Merrill's house.....	5 00
E. P. Springer, services selectman from Feb. 17, to March 3, 1902.....	8 25
E. P. Springer, express, postage and money paid out in 1901.....	22 24
E. P. Springer, for days at Oakfield, 1901	6 00
B. L. Merrill, labor on highway 1899-1900	5 00
O. A. True, posting warrants Sept. election	3 00
O. A. True, enforcing dog law 1902.....	7 00
J. A. Huntington, watering tub 1902..	2 00
James Ridley, labor on highway summer 1902.....	8 95
E. F. Ridley, labor on highway.....	6 75
Walter Ridley, " " .....	5 25
O. A. True, attending Sept. election.....	2 00
Geo. W. Newell, labor on highway summer 1901.....	1 25
E. Shorey, watering tub 1901-1902.....	6 00
Ella Bartlett, " " 1902.....	3 00

E. J. Fish, ballot clerk state election 1902	2 00
Ernest Lapham, " " " "	2 00
E. C. Bosworth, election clerk state election 1902.....	2 00
Henry Taylor, election clerk state election 1902.....	2 00
E. P. Springer, labor on highway 1902. .	3 45
M. W. Adams, watering tub 1901-1902...	4 00
Wm. F. Adams, running hearse to Nov. 20, 1902.....	6 00
C. H. Mitchell, repairs for road machine 1902.....	12 25
O. A. True, part payment for collecting 1901 taxes.....	100 00
O. A. True, services as truant officer....	75
Llewellyn Larrabee, labor on highway..	4 24
O. A. True, abatements for 1900 tax....	8 83
O. A. True, balance in full, collecting 1900 taxes.....	24 36
O. A. True, tax deeds sold Dec. 1, 1902..	49 24
O. A. True, abatements on tax book for 1901.....	32 04
J. E. Chase, labor and material for highways .....	10 00
Herbert Starbird, services on board of health 1902.....	7 00
Gardiner Roberts, services on board of health 1902.....	6 00
I. W. Gilbert, services on board of health 1902.....	6 00
I. W. Gilbert, certificates of births and deaths 1902.....	5 00
L. V. Adams, labor on highway summer 1902	2 25
M. W. Adams, labor on highway summer 1902.....	2 00
A. R. Bucklin, services as selectman Feb. 17, to March 6, 1902.....	3 75
E. N. Baker, services as selectman Feb. 17, to March 6, 1902.....	2 25
W. F. Adams, running hearse to Feb. 18, 1903.....	12 00

James Ridley, labor on highway summer 1902.....	4 00
Cyrus Kindrick, money paid on town debt	500 00

Incidental Appropriations for 1902.

Sum raised by town.....	\$1,000 00
Fractional overlay.....	197 68
Received on tax deeds.....	44 15
" of C. Rice, N. Oak hill (school house.....	15 00
Received of O. A. True for Grant school house.....	18 75
Received state treasurer, dog licenses refunded for 1901.....	54 21
Received state treasurer, telegraph and R. R.. .....	62 09
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Total resources.....	\$1,391 88
Orders drawn.....	1,376 32
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Unexpended.....	15 56

SNOW BILLS.

Orders Drawn on Treasurer for snow bills.  
For winter of 1901 and 1902.

James Ridley.....	\$ 3 35
Charles Partridge.....	1 72
Geo. Dearborn....	1 72
Charles Powers.....	7 05
W. M. Cunningham.....	2 77
Charles E. Peavey.....	4 72
O. A. True.....	2 93
James Ridley.....	7 25
James Ridley.....	10 30
L. Blanchard.....	5 80
F. H. Nixon.....	2 10
E. F. Ridley.....	8 50
E. M. Douglass & Son.....	10 95
G. H. Dingley.....	1 66
D. B. Stockham.....	1 96
Isaac McDonald.....	1 80

D. N. Fogg.....	5 85
W. F. Haines.....	2 45
A. J. Elliott.....	4 05
S. L. Buker.....	13 35
P. Keyes.....	2 69
H. M. Hunkins.....	4 43
A. J. Tozier.....	7 44
Frank McDonald.....	90
C. Campbell.....	3 86
E. L. McDonald.....	2 62
E. L. Allen.....	25 67
John Coleman.....	6 74
R. E. Coleman.....	8 46
James Bowie.....	3 80
Charles Daley.....	1 27
Foster Alexander.....	52
N. Libby.....	1 05
Horace Jordan.....	2 25
A. M. Patterson.....	6 28
Charles Lane.....	7 16
A. L. Small.....	7 70
B. R. Small.....	3 07
G. E. Ricker.....	8 45
F. J. Denham.....	60
D. M. Webber.....	5 30
J. D. Powers.....	1 50
Will Polley.....	6 10
Isaac Gayton.....	1 80
Fred Danforth.....	4 95
Rufus Godfrey.....	3 20
Will Knight.....	3 76
E. L. Campbell.....	11 03
Frank Smith.....	4 08
D. Parris.....	75
J. Earl.....	1 42
J. B. Stevens.....	10 37
Fred Edgecomb.....	5 18
Augustus Howell.....	3 64
Frank Bailey.....	7 09
Job Morrill.....	3 82
James Libbey.....	10 70



Josiah Morrill.....	3 54
Ed. Gilpatrick....	2 55
Horace Gilpatrick.....	6 28
Lapham and Packard.....	9 83
Samuel P. Roberts.....	5 91
Uriah Atwood.....	1 98
W. Otis & Son... ..	9 61
E. J. Fish.....	7 44
E. Shorey.....	1 86
Leroy Varney.....	1 49
Walter Varney.....	6 05
A. E. Earl.....	2 26
Henry True.....	2 23
A. R. Bucklin.....	3 07
Alonzo Gowell.....	4 23
Charles Newell.....	1 50
C. E. Hodgkins.....	9 07
Geo. Newell.....	8 10
John Newell.....	2 25
W. C. Bowley.....	5 86
F. T. Harriman.....	10 55
T. Gingrow.....	3 31
F. C. Weston.....	1 80
Levi Harriman.....	6 29
J. F. Small.....	2 71
G. E. Spaulding.....	11 64
B. W. Ridley.....	9 24
A. Peacock.....	30
B. F. Colby.....	2 40
W. R. Buker.....	60
Ben. Howe.....	60
F. O. Berry.....	4 09
T. S. Colby.....	37
Joseph Welsh.....	30
E. G. Wiles.....	1 28
M. Tibbetts.....	3 58
L. D. Small.....	2 53
B. L. Merrill.....	3 58
A. B. Barrett.....	3 19
Oscar Hatch.....	6 34
Millard Jack.....	3 45

Eugene Purinton.....	75
John Purinton.....	2 17
Elmer Purinton.....	7 15
R. H. Martin.....	23
F. B. Hutchins.....	3 65
E. Dow & Son.....	18 05
Josiah Weymouth.....	1 80
R. S. Maxwell.....	11 15
C. A. Norcross.....	4 20
J. E. Jack.....	7 80
D. P. Adams.....	4 80
O. B. Gray.....	4 20
W. W. Douglass.....	3 60
Frank P. Danforth.....	7 97
Ensign Danforth.....	3 75
Fred Mitchell.....	5 55
Geo. H. Dearborn.....	1 10
Geo. A. Danforth.....	7 90
Scott Dearborn.....	1 10
Bert Larrabee.....	1 79
Woodbury Danforth.....	2 32
John Tufford.....	60
Robert Allen.....	4 17
F. C. Brown.....	3 58
O. T. Blanchard.....	6 49
Wm. Merriman..	75
F. E. Lane.....	4 65
J. A. Huntington.....	11 58
F. L. Sleeper.....	6 30
S. S. Knight.....	1 80
Walter Knight.....	1 50
Samuel Williams.....	72
Emery Metcalf... .	3 00
E. F. Whitney.....	1 73
J. E. Edgecomb.....	2 72
G. E. Edgecomb.....	1 73
Wm. L. Powers..	7 60
F. D. Gilman.....	7 26
Joseph Goodwin.....	4 13
A. D. Bartlett.....	2 85
Charles Pray.....	83

Fred Goodwin.....	2 11
W. H. Waldron.....	6 50
C. H. Webber.....	7 45
Albert Stevens.....	4 30
S. H. Ring.....	8 18
H. C. Allard.....	7 60
A. A. Dunlap.....	6 95
N. E. Danforth.....	2 70
Eben Morrill.....	6 00
Harry Rose.....	6 30
A. H. Powers.....	5 17
J. D. Buker.....	6 48
H. Dustin.....	3 00
E. F. Ridley.....	3 00
Wm. Bubier.....	9 35
W. S. Bubier.....	2 32
Wm. Springer.....	3 28
Fred Ware.....	11 22
G. D. Sloman.....	1 68
A. E. Huntington.....	1 95
H. P. King.....	4 35
N. C. True.....	4 62
Merrill True.....	68
E. M. True.....	99
R. S. Niles.....	23
H. F. Woodard.....	23
C. E. Malvin.....	4 45
Charles Metcalf.....	4 34
W. H. Merchant.....	90
J. W. Tucker.....	6 70
E. W. Small.....	9 24
Lewis Palmer.....	82
H. M. Starbird.....	1 05
G. N. Thurlow.....	3 65
D. I. Larrabee.....	2 14
Charles Larrabee.....	3 22
Wallace Allen.....	7 30
Horace Buker.....	8 85
L. E. Danforth.....	5 17
Charles Bubier.....	1 05
C. T. Frost.....	6 75

Hank Brown.....	90
H. W. Maxwell.....	12 88
C. W. Douglass.....	5 10
W. E. Cunningham .....	9 17
Arrington Douglass.....	5 35
W. T. Woodbury.....	12 45
E. P. True.....	4 05
F. W. Libby.....	4 02
E. E. Danforth .....	8 43
P. P. Perry.....	3 37
M. W. Adams.....	8 65
L. V. Adams .....	1 95
Ed. Ricker.....	2 46
C. W. Goodwin.....	5 42
E. P. Springer.....	5 35
B. M. Benson .....	2 62
B. M. Benson.....	98
E. S. Briery.....	7 00
Arthur Newell .....	6 50
E. F. Ridley.....	3 00
Fred Babcock.....	11 00
Irwin W. Danforth.....	6 00
Alanson Danforth.....	6 83
Alonzo Parris.....	1 20
Charles Earl.....	3 00
A. E. Fogg.....	3 32
George C. Grover.....	3 30
B. F. Howe.....	2 35
R. H. Martin.....	60
A. S. Gowell.....	1 75
E. F. Ridley .....	3 00
E. F. Ridley.....	2 68

Amount of orders drawn for snow bills

1902.....

\$974 63

Amount raised for snow bills.....

800 00

Overdrawn .....

\$174 63

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for Repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Wm. Powers, labor on Hattin Bridge..	\$20 50
O. E. Hewey, labor with road machine..	55 00
Fred Edgecomb, blacksmith work, 1901..	1 75
H. W. Maxwell, labor on highway, 1902.	8 25
Alonzo Gowell, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	3 00
B. W. Ridley, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	1 50
Augustus Gowell, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	3 30
Joseph Stevens, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	8 80
C. E. Hodgkins, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	5 50
Geo. Newell, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	4 00
Geo. A. Danforth, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	8 90
Frank P. Danforth, labor on highway be- fore May 1st, 1902.....	13 90
E. M. Small, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902. ....	2 47
Eben Morrill, labor on highway before May 1st, 1902.....	4 39
G. E. Ricker, labor with road machine..	75 00
O. E. Hewey, " " " " ...	61 25
G. E. Ricker, " " " " ...	75 00
Wm. Powers, " " " " ..	75 00
Wm. Powers, " " " " ...	61 00
J. W. Earl, labor.....	32 44
J. W. Earl, ".....	32 44
David Parris, labor.....	4 50
D. Webber, " .....	4 50
E. J. Fish, labor .....	8 00
G. E. Ricker, labor with road machine..	50 00
P. P. Perry, labor.....	3 60
E. M. Douglass, labor.....	7 00
C. E. Hodgkins, " .....	3 50

B. W. Ridley, " .....	2 37
Fred L. Ware, " .....	4 50
J. B. Stevens, " .....	3 68
Felix Nixon, " .....	9 38
Wm. Powers, labor with road machine..	93 50
O. E. Hewey, " " " " .....	60 00
James Huntington, labor.....	4 50
Horace Gilpatrick, " .....	2 00
Walter Varney, " .....	7 00
Frank Ricker, " .....	2 75
Levi Harriman, " .....	7 60
F. D. Gilman, " .....	29 75
S. P. Roberts, " .....	2 75
W. T. Woodbury, " .....	10 00
J. W. Earl, " .....	33 45
G. E. Ricker, " .....	75 00
W. M. Hattin, labor, stringers and stone, Hattin bridge.....	29 00
W. E. Cunningham, labor.....	14 00
Fred Gayton, " .....	2 00
Frank Danforth, " .....	6 00
W. L. Swett, plank.....	11 29
Henry Woodard, labor.....	3 65
Robert Allen, " .....	7 50
D. Parris, " .....	10 50
Geo. E. Ricker, plank, etc.....	16 50
Geo. E. Ricker, self and team.....	107 00
Wm. Powers, " " .....	5 28
E. L. McDonald, " " .....	3 00
E. E. Danforth, " " .....	7 00
Alfred Bartlett, labor.....	6 34
H. J. Fickett, blacksmith work.....	2 00
J. E. Chase, labor and material.....	14 51
Charles Jack, labor.....	1 00
Walter Ridley, " .....	2 00
A. R. Bucklin, plank, labor and material	60 04
E. W. Small, labor.....	7 75
F. D. Gilman, " .....	4 75
Elmer J. Purinton, labor.....	23 71
D. N. Fogg, stringers.....	10 00
A. S. Gowell, labor.....	8 00

A. S. Gowell, repairs on plow .....	2 00	
O. E. Hewey, labor with road machine..	35 00	
E. M. Blanchard, labor .....	1 50	
A. E. Earl, " .....	18 00	
W. S. Bubier, " .....	3 75	
G. W. Newell, " .....	5 00	
C. A. Prey, " .....	21 20	
David Adams, " .....	3 00	
Fred Danforth, " .....	6 50	
Will Polley, " .....	13 75	
David Parris, " .....	7 50	
H. P. King, " .....	4 50	
A. Bubier, " .....	2 00	
James Ridley, " .....	1 00	
A. Gowell, " .....	4 97	
W. V. Danforth, " .....	31 50	
E. A. Danforth, " .....	10 93	
F. P. Danforth, " .....	4 05	
Frank Campbell, " .....	75	
N. C. True, labor, plank and stringers...	20 13	
W. C. Bowley, labor .....	4 12	
G. A. Bosworth .....	5 34	
B. W. Ridley .....	2 65	
J. E. Jack .....	7 50	
Wm. Springer .....	5 70	
Geo. Ring .....	1 50	
J. W. Earl .....	19 50	
A. H. Larrabee .....	2 95	
Sum raised by town for repairs of roads and bridges, summer 1202 .....		\$1500 00
Amount expended for summer work ...	\$1534 32	
Amount expended for washouts before May 1st .....	57 51	
		1591 83
Amount overdrawn .....		\$91 83
Amount raised to pay interest on town debt	\$125 00	
Paid interest on town debt .....	119 18	
		\$5 82
Unexpended .....		

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## Orders Drawn on Treasurer for Support of the Poor for 1902.

Manning S. Campbell support C. F. Metcalf at insane hospital.....	\$ 4 29	
Manning S. Campbell support C. F. Met- calf at insane hospital.....	57 38	
G. D. Sloman board Hannah Potter 12 weeks .....	18 00	
G. D. Sloman, clothing Hannah Potter..	1 75	
Charles T. Powers taking C. F. Metcalf to hospital.....	5 00	
G. D. Sloman, board H. Potter.....	18 00	
E. T. Severy, board of tramps.....	3 25	
G. A. Bosworth, casket and robe C. F. Metcalf.....	23 00	
A. R. Bucklin, bringing C. F. Metcalf from hospital.....	4 00	
G. D. Sloman, board H. Potter.....	18 00	
Cyrus Kindrick, medicine A. J. Tarr....	25	
F. H. L. Sleeper, building fence on town farm.....	1 00	
E. P. Springer, money and supplies for A. Gatchell .....	55 00	
G. D. Sloman, board H. Potter.....	18 00	
Cyrus Kindrick, examination C. F. Met- calf .....	3 00	
I. W. Gilbert, examination C. F. Metcalf	3 00	
I. W. Gilbert, visits and medicines H. Potter	5 25	
Charles Campbell, supplies furnished A. J. Tarr, 1902.....	14 30	
Charles Campbell, supplies furnished Chas. Groves.....	10 94	
G. D. Sloman, board H. Potter.....	18 00	
W. F. Adams, digging C. F. Metcalf's grave.....	1 50	
E. F. Severy, board and care of tramps..	4 00	
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Total amount of orders.....		\$286 90
Appropriated by town.....	\$150 00	
Received of D. B. Stockham for grass on		



town farm for 1901.....	75 00	225 00
Overdrawn.....		<u>\$61 90</u>
Due for grass on town farm 1902.....	65 00	
Due from town of Webster for supplies furnished A. J. Tarr in 1902.....	14 30	
Orders drawn on Treasurer for Sheep killed by Dogs 1902:		
Melvin Tibbetts, 1 lamb.....	\$3 00	
Foster Alexander, 1 sheep.....	3 00	
C. E. Hodgkins, 7 lambs.....	21 00	
Charles Pray, 4 sheep and damage to others	16 00	
J. T. Gilman, 5 sheep " " " "	20 00	
W. C. Bowley 1 sheep " " " "	4 00	
J. P. Springer, 1 sheep and 2 lambs.....	9 00	
Amount paid out.....		\$76 00
Received from State.....		76 00
Amount appropriated Libby Post G. A. R.		\$25 00
Paid O. A. True, for Libby Post.....		25 00
Orders drawn on Treasurer for School Books.		
Amount of orders drawn.....	\$102 40	
" appropriated.....	100 00	
Overdrawn.....		<u>\$ 2 40</u>
Orders drawn for School Supplies.		
Amount raised by town.....	\$50 00	
" orders drawn.....	47 12	
Unexpended.....		<u>\$ 2 88</u>
Orders drawn for School House Repairs.		
Amount raised by town.....	\$30 00	
" orders drawn.....	7 10	
Unexpended.....		<u>\$22 90</u>
Orders drawn on Treasurer for Support of Schools.		
Amount appropriated by town.....	\$1,000 00	
Balance on Selectmen's book Feb. 19, 1902	17 90	

Received from town of Wales, tuition for 1901.....	53 64
Received from town of Wales, tuition for 1902.....	42 13
State school money.....	759 45
Total.....	\$1,873 12
Paid for support of schools.....	1,726 60

Balance on Selectmen's books Feb. 19, 1903 \$146 52

Abated on O. A. True's tax book for the year 1900.

Alonzo Larrabee, poll tax.....	3 00
Harry Thurlow, poll tax out of town....	3 00
J. A. Taylor, poll tax out of town.....	2 83

Abated on O. A. True's tax book for the year of 1901.

B. C. Allen, poll tax out of town.....	3 20
Charles Barrett, poll tax paid out of town	3 00
George A. Barrett, " paid out of town	3 00
Frank Campbell, not of age.....	3 00
Thurston Gilman, paid out of town.....	3 00
Bert Larrabee.....	84
Walter Ridley.....	1 00
F. J. Toothaker, out of town.....	3 00
J. A. Taylor.....	3 00
Harry Thurlow, paid out of town.....	3 00
Andrew Tozier, disabled old soldier.....	3 00
Aaron Peacock, disabled.....	3 00

Recapitulation.

Balance on Selectmen's books Feb. 18, 1902	\$3,896 53
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, exclusive of schools.....	5,342 72
Received on tax deeds.....	44 15
" of C. Rice, for N. Oak Hill school house.....	15 00
Received of O. A. True, for Grant school house.....	18 75
Received for dog licenses refunded for 1901	54 21
" for R. R. and telegraph tax.....	62 09
" of D. B. Stockham, for grass on town farm in 1901.....	75 00

Received of state treasurer for sheep killed by dogs.....	76 00	
Total resources for 1902.....		\$9,584 45
Paid out for incidental expenses.....	\$1,876 32	
for snow bills.....	974 63	
roads and bridges.....	1,591 83	
support of poor.....	286 90	
Memorial services.....	25 00	
repairs of school houses.....	7 10	
school supplies.....	47 12	
school books.....	102 40	
sheep killed by dogs.....	76 00	
interest on town debt.....	119 18	
state tax.....	1,013 87	
county tax.....	351 17	
		<u>\$5,971 52</u>
Balance on Selectmen's books Feb. 19, 1903		\$3,612 93
E. P. SPRINGER, E. N. BAKER, A. R. BUCKLIN,	} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Litchfield.	

## Report of Treasurer.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20th, 1903: also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the collectors:

Cash in treasury.....	\$164 83	
Received from state (refunded dog lic.)..	54 21	
of state school fund and mill tax	753 68	
railroad and telegraph tax.....	62 09	
sheep killed by dogs.....	76 00	
Chas. A. Metcalf, (dog licenses)	85 00	
for tax deeds.....	23 40	
by commitment.....	225 27	
O. A. True, collector.....	4,096 49	
J. E. Purinton.....	2,303 27	
	<hr/>	\$7,844 24
Paid out as follows:		
For incidental expenses.....	\$1,358 27	
snow bills.....	971 98	
sheep killed by dogs.....	73 00	
interest money.....	119 18	
support of poor.....	263 40	
Memorial service.....	25 00	
school books.....	40 00	
school supplies.....	44 21	
school house repairs.....	1 85	
roads and bridges.....	1,591 83	
support of schools.....	1,701 80	
old orders.....	181 80	
Paid out on state tax.....	1,083 95	
state treasurer dog licenses.....	85 00	
county tax... ..	201 17	
	<hr/>	\$7,742 44
Cash to balance.....	101 80	
	<hr/>	\$7,844 24
Due from O. A. True collector 1901.....	84 16	
"    "    J. E. Purinton 1902.....	4,039 45	
"    state school fund and mill tax.....	759 45	

" cash in treasury.....	101 80	
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Outstanding notes and interest.....	\$2,347 59	\$4,984 86
Due on state tax.....	821 57	
" " county tax.....	150 00	
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		\$3,319 16
Balance in favor of town.....		<hr/>
		\$1,665 70

CYRUS KINDRICK, Treasurer.

Litchfield, February 20, 1903.

## Auditor's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Litchfield:

Your Auditor having made a careful examination of the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the municipal year ending February 19, 1903, presents the following report:

The selectmen's accounts show that for all orders drawn on the treasurer, they have proper vouchers on file; and all orders paid by the treasurer are correctly charged on his books, and the books are correctly balanced and agree.

The treasurer's books show that he had:

Cash on hand February 18, 1902.....	\$ 164 83	
Received during the year.....	7,679 41	
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		\$7,844 24
Has paid out during same time.....		<hr/>
		7,742 44
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Leaving cash in the treasury, Feb. 19, '03		\$101 80

I have also examined and allowed the several town officers' bills up to the present date as follows:

E. P. Springer, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor.....	\$60 00
E. N. Baker, for same services.....	39 00
A. R. Bucklin, for same services.....	36 75
Cyrus Kindrick, town treasurer.....	21 50
M. H. Dustin, superintendent of schools from March 8, 1902, to Feb. 17, 1903	78 50
C. A. Metcalf, town clerk.....	14 55
H. M. Starbird, auditor.....	2 00

H. M. STARBIRD, Auditor.

## School Report.

To the Inhabitants of Litchfield:

We respectfully submit the following report of the condition of our schools for the year ending Feb. 20, 1603.

### Resources.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,000 00
School fund and mill tax.....	759 45
Tuition from town of Wales.....	42 13
Unexpended last year.. ..	46 20
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Total.....	\$1,847 78

### Expenditures.

Spring schools.....	463 00
Fall schools.....	492 90
Winter schools.....	476 35
Conveyance of pupils.....	228 70
Janitors' services.....	24 65
Wood....	66 30
Tuition to West Gardiner.....	6 00
Work in grading.....	9 00
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	\$1,766 90

Unexpended.....	\$80 88
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Spring term: whole number of pupils, 167; average number 142.

Fall term: whole number of pupils, 143; average number 127.

Winter term: whole number of pupils, 135; average number 118.

Whole number of different pupils registered, 179.

Average attendance for the year, 129.

Number of pupils in town between 4 and 21 years, 270.

Per cent. of attendance, 48.

The town voted to have a school at the Lowell and none at the Berry, therefore we hired the pupils conveyed from the Berry to the Lowell school.

The pupils from North Oak Hill and Hall sections have been conveyed to the Longfellow school as usual.

We maintained eight schools of twenty-nine weeks each.

## PUPILS NOT ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

Lincoln school. Spring term: Bertha N. Gilpatrick, Edith Campbell, Laura T. Buker, Gladys Bubier, Fernley Bubier, Courtney M. Baker, Onslow Campbell, Walter C. Knight.

Fall term: Edith Campbell, Courtney M. Baker, Gladys Bubier, Percy Earle, Onslow Campbell, Walter C. Knight, Gilbert M. Baker, Andra Earle, Fernley Bubier.

Winter term: Edith Campbell,\* Courtney M. Baker,\* Gladys Bubier,\* Onslow Campbell,\* Gilbert Baker, Fernley Bubier.\*

So. Oak Hill school. Spring term: Nellie Hall.

Fall term: Arthur R. Mitchell, Nellie Hall.

Winter term: Arthur R. Mitchell, Helen F. Mitchell, Lester Danforth.

Longfellow school. Spring term: Will H. Buker, Clement M. Webber, Willard B. Ashford, Perley B. Woodard, Clyde E. Chase, Clifton H. Dustin, Clarence A. Webber, Harry Johns, Orrison Woodard.

Fall term: Florence Libby, Clement Webber, Fred W. Huntington, Perley Woodward, Lester Webber, Clarence Webber, Clyde E. Chase, Clifton H. Dustin, Cecil C. Dustin.

Winter term: Vieve M. Dustin, Delma R. Small, Eddie C. Libby, Leland P. Buker, Clyde E. Chase,\* Clifton H. Dustin,\* Cecil C. Dustin.

Lowell school. Spring term: Harry Allard, Mina C. Colby, Ernest S. Dow, Bertha M. Powers.

Fall term: Harry Allard, Mina C. Colby, Raymond Colby, Ernest S. Dow, Bertha M. Powers.

Winter term: Harry Allard,\* Ernest S. Dow,\* Harold B. Webber.

Washington school. Spring term: Leland Gilman, Raymond Gilman, Merton Norris, Alton Ricker, Gladys Ricker, Hazel Ricker, Ross Ricker.

Fall and winter terms: not any.

Whittier school. Spring term: Frank Harriman.

Fall term: Leroy Joseph Weston, Selina May Gilbey, Marguerite Reubena Gilbey.

Winter term: Selina M. Gilbey, Marguerite R. Gilbey, Martha A. Gilbey, Leroy J. Weston.

Willard school. Spring term: Birdina E. Barrett, Ruth Lapham, Mildred Tucker, Mary Tucker, Julia Tucker, Merton Barrett, Richard Tucker, Fred Tucker, Elmer Tucker.

Fall term: Mabelle Tucker, Richard Tucker, Fred Tucker, Mildred Tucker, Elmer Tucker, Mary Tucker, Julia Tucker, Margery

Tucker, Merton Barrett, Birdina Barrett, Walter Lane, Mabel Lane, Edith Huntington, Herman Small, Milton True.

Winter term: L. Mabelle Tucker, Mildred E. Tucker,\* Elmer Tucker,\* Mary D. Tucker,\* Nonie M. Dustin, Herman S. Small, Fred W. Tucker.\*

Stetson school. Spring term: Emma Goodwin, Bessie Bubier, Lena A. Larrabee, Nettie F. Bubier, Frances Larrabee, Philip Larrabee, Lester Bubier.

Fall term: Lena Larrabee, Frances Larrabee, Everett Ricker, Elton Ricker, Philip Larrabee.

Winter term: Bessie Bubier, Nettie Bubier, Lena Larrabee,\* Frances Larrabee,\* Everett Ricker, Elton Ricker, Philip Larrabee.\*

\* Did not miss for the year.

#### GRADING.

We have continued the work of grading this year by taking graded examinations in each school, two each term. This work was fully explained in our report last year. We continued the examinations in arithmetic, grammar and geography, in the fourth and fifth grades. In the spring term, in the fifth grade, we added physiology, history and algebra, and the examination at the end of the spring term was made an entrance examination to the Academy, with a chance, for those who failed, to have another trial examination before the beginning of the fall term of the Academy. During the spring term it was supposed that the Academy would come under the Free High School plan, and the added interest and eagerness of pupils to fit for the Academy was very noticeable. Under that plan our pupils could be retained in the common schools until fitted to enter the Academy. The very reason why many graduates of the Academy pass unsatisfactory examinations for teachers is because they entered too young and were not properly fitted. One of the greatest benefits of the Free High School plan would be the help and stimulus to our common schools.

The most of the teachers have followed the Course of Study and good work has been done in the different grades. Most of the pupils have sent in neatly executed work. They are ranked on the actual work done. If they get ninety or one hundred per cent. in their work they have to earn it. If they do fifty per cent. work, they get a fifty per cent. rank. The ranks have been better than last year, and fewer examinations have had to be taken over. In various ways we have satisfied ourselves that a majority of the pupils carefully look over the marked and ranked papers which are returned to them.

The work in graded examinations greatly increases the work of the superintendent, but we consider it time well spent, and we heartily recommend the continuation of it.



## Statistics.

TERMS.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Number of Pupils.	Average Number.	Length of Term.	Wages.	Number of Schools taught before.	Number of Visits by Citizens.
WINTER TERM.	Lincoln. Lowell. Whittier. Washington. Longfellow. Stetson. So. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor. L. Maude Chase. Inez V. Decker. Blanche Pettingill. Geo. M. Rogers. Nellie M. Ham. Mattie D. Bosworth. Cora E. True.	12 12 20 21 19 18 18 11 22	11 11 17 16 18 15 9 9 21	9 9 9 9 9 11 9 9 9	6 75* 6 50 6 50 6 50 6 50 6 50 6 00 6 00 6 50	70 16 22 8 27 18 3 10 10	9 17 7 10 7 10 20 5
FALL TERM.	Lincoln. Lowell. Whittier. Washington. Longfellow. Stetson. So. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor. L. Maude Chase. Edith E. Bubier. Blanche Pettingill. Geo. M. Rogers. Sara L. Rogers. Mattie D. Mitchell. Cora E. Cram.	16 12 17 20 20 20 17 21	15 11 15 17 19 16 13 21	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	6 50* 6 25 6 25 6 25 6 25 6 25 5 75 6 25	69 15 21 7 26 17 2 30	8 8 6 10 15 6 16 15
SPRING TERM.	Lincoln. Lowell. Whittier. Washington. Longfellow. Stetson. So. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor. L. Maude Chase. Inez V. Decker. Blanche Pettingill. Geo. M. Rogers. Nellie M. Ham. Mattie D. Bosworth. Cora E. True.	22 14 19 22 22 22 23 23	18 13 14 21 20 19 15 22	10 10 10 10 10 8 10 10	\$6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 5 50 6 00	68 14 0 6 25 19 1 29	25 38 16 26 24 5 22 9

\*25 cents per week additional wages for attending Summer School for Teachers.

## TEACHERS AND THEIR WORK.

Five of our teachers have taught in the same school throughout the year. The most of our teachers have done good faithful work. They are interested in teaching, read educational papers, attend conventions, and most of them own cyclopedias and other reference books which an up-to-date teacher must have.

Country towns do not pay wages enough to retain their best teachers. The ideal teachers for us would be Normal-trained residents of our own town; but we could not hold them here, for after a few terms' experience they can command almost double the wages in other states.

## S. I. L. M.

One new league has been organized the past year, the Stetson league at the Farrin.

Several of the leagues have done considerable work. The Willard and Lincoln schools have secured bookcases. The Washington, Whittier and other schools have had entertainments to raise money for needed appliances, books, globes, maps, etc.

## CONVENTIONS.

Our teachers united with the W. Gardiner teachers and held a convention at Spear's Corner, which was one of the best we have ever held. These meetings are profitable not only to teachers but to parents as well. We hope the attendance of parents at these meetings may increase. One feature of these meetings is a "question box" which is usually conducted by Superintendent Stetson. Any question on school laws, methods of teaching, etc., may be asked.

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,		\$100 00
Rec'd for books sold,		1 80
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		\$101 80
Paid Hinds & Noble,	\$30 87	
Boston School Supply Co.,	12 27	
E. E. Babb,	9 93	
T. R. Shewell & Co.,	33 13	
Benj. Sanborn,	17 00	
for miscellaneous books,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$104 20
Overdrawn,		<hr/>
		\$2 40

We purchased sixty copies of Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetic for our schools, and sixty copies of Southworth's Language Lessons. Our grammars are all right for a while but when we make a change we should by all means get the Southworth's, which should follow the Southworth's Language Lessons.

Our spellers have been in use six years and are almost useless. A new book on exchange will cost us about 14c per copy and we need 130 copies.

#### REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town,		\$30 00
Paid S. Clough for shingles,	\$5 25	
miscellaneous bills,	1 85	7 10
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Unexpended,		\$22 90

The shingles are on hand to shingle one side of the So. Oak Hill school house.

The Farrin school will have to have a new stove before next winter.

#### SUPPLIES.

Amount raised by town,		\$50 00
Paid for charts,	\$17 00	
McConnell & Co.,	27 21	
Miscellaneous,	2 91	47 12
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Unexpended,		\$2 88

The supplies consist of crayon, tablets, pencils, examination paper, hyloplate blackboard, etc. We have partly furnished the Farrin and So. Oak Hill schools with blackboards.

#### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The amount paid from the State treasury the past year to different towns for the support of Free High Schools was \$44,379.35 and the number of pupils receiving benefit of the same was 13,283.

Our town had to help pay that sum and *our pupils received no benefit* of the same. Section 34 of the School Laws reads as follows:

Sect. 34. Any town may from year to year authorize its superintending school committee to contract with and pay the trustees of any academy in said town for the tuition of scholars within such

town, in the studies contemplated by the six preceding sections, under a standard of scholarship to be established by such committee; and when such contract has been made, the school committee with an equal number from the board of trustees of such academy shall form a joint committee for the selection of all teachers, and the arranging of the course of study in such academy, when such academy has less than ten thousand dollars endowment; and the expenditure of any town for tuition in such academy shall be subject to the same conditions, and shall entitle such towns to the same state aid as if it had made such expenditure for a free high school.

#### TO THE PARENTS.

Upon you, to a certain extent, depends the welfare of our schools. The best teacher, without the co-operation of the parents, will fail to do good work. If you criticise the teacher in the hearing of your children, they will bring you plenty of tales from school.

Remember that the teacher may see the faults of your child to which you have been blind. Ninety-nine out of one hundred young children, and sometimes older ones, will tell only their side of the story. Before judging it is a good plan to hear the other side.

In conclusion we wish to heartily thank the people for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. DUSTIN,

Supt. of Schools.

Feb. 20, 1903.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

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We respectfully submit the following recommendations and resolves:

We recommend a meeting of teachers once or twice each term for the purpose of better co-operation with the Superintendent, and with each other in the work of grading, etc. And we resolve that the attendance of teachers at the meeting shall be part of their regular work, and under this condition they accept the position. We resolve that all teachers holding a certificate showing that they have attended a summer school for teachers during the summer of 1903, shall receive twenty-five cents per week additional wages during the remainder of the year.

We recommend that teachers secure State certificates, and that those, wishing to become teachers, take a Normal training course. An examination of teachers will be held at the Longfellow school building on Saturday, March 21, at 9 A. M. in the studies required by law. No postponement.

PER ORDER.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## Town Warrant.

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To ORRIN A. TRUE, Constable of the Town of Litchfield:

**GREETING:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Litchfield qualified by law to vote in said town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town, on Monday the ninth day of March, A. D., 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To attend to the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, Superintendent of Schools and School Committee.

ART. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a Town Agent, a Committee or Auditor of Accounts, a Collector of Taxes, a Superintendent of Schools, two members of School Committee, one or more Truant Officers, a Road Commissioner, one or more Constables, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, a Pound Keeper, a Scaler of Weights and Measures, and all other necessary officers, agents and committees.

ART. 5. To vote a sum of money for Support of Schools.

ART. 6. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of School Books.

ART. 7. To vote a sum of money for School Supplies.

ART. 8. To vote a sum of money for repairs of School-houses.

ART. 9. To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town Expenses.

ART. 10. To vote a sum of money for Support of Poor.

ART. 11. To vote a sum of money for repairs of Roads and Bridges.

ART. 12. To vote a sum of money to pay Snow Bills for the present winter.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize its Superintending

School Committee to contract with the Trustees of Litchfield Academy for the tuition of its High School Scholars for the ensuing year in that Institution, and to raise the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, or to act anything in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise a sum of money or authorize the Selectmen or Road Commissioner to expend a certain per cent. of the road money in removing stone walls or bushes which cause the roads to drift, or act anything thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for a State road so called, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To vote a sum of money to pay interest on the Town debt.

ART. 17. To vote a sum of money to pay part or all of the Town debt.

ART. 18. To vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money to pay the Town's indebtedness.

ART. 20. To see what action the Town will take for running the Hearses.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote how many Schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will establish a price for labor on the Highways and act anything in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To direct how future Town Meetings shall be called, and what time in March, 1904, the next Annual Town Meeting shall be held.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day, and at the place above named, from nine till ten o'clock in the forenoon, to receive evidence of the qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, this nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1903.

E. P. SPRINGER,	} Selectmen of Litchfield.
E. N. BAKER,	
A. R. BUCKLIN,	